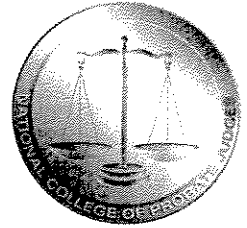


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TREAT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Each year at its annual meeting in November, the National College of Probate Judges honors the recipient of its prestigious Treat Award for Excellence. The award was created and named in honor of Judge William Treat, founder and President of NCPJ.

The college annually selects an individual who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the law or judicial administration in probate or related fields. The enclosed pamphlet describes in greater detail other criteria considered by the committee.

Previous recipients have been members of the Judiciary, attorneys and law school Deans or professors.

You are invited to submit nominations of qualified individuals to:

Treat Award for Excellence Committee
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This Committee includes three NCPJ members, the President of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and the chair of the ABA Section on Real Property, Probate and Trust Law.

Nominations should include a Resume of activities, letters of recommendation, awards received, achievements in probate and related fields of law and any other relevant material.

Nominations received by July 1, 2003 will be considered by the Committee for selection of the recipient to be introduced at our meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado on November 12, 2003.

Raymond C. Eubanks
President

The Treat Award

The Treat Award for Excellence was established by the National College of Probate Judges at its annual conference in 1978.

The purpose of the award is "to recognize and encourage achievements in the field of probate law and related fields consistent with the goals of the National College of Probate Judges."

The College stated that it would "select annually one individual, a resident of the United States, who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the law or judicial administration in probate or related fields. The achievement may be an innovative program that has been designed and adopted leading to advances in the probate field; an article, treatise, book, or opinion which is of unusual quality and resulted in a significant impact; a leadership role in some organization or activity that resulted in a significant improvement in probate law or administration; or any other activity or contribution to probate law, probate administration, or a related field, which contribution is of outstanding merit."

The award is presented at the annual banquet of the National College of Probate Judges or at such other time and place as the Award Committee may from time to time deem appropriate.

The Award Committee for the Treat Award consults with leading probate practitioners and judges throughout the country, including members of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and the Probate Division of the American Bar Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law.

Nominations usually come from probate practitioners, probate judges, and academic leaders.

The award is named in honor of Judge William W. Treat, founder and President Emeritus of NCPJ. It includes a cash grant and a handsomely engraved clock.

The Award Committee normally makes its final selection on or before September 1. Nominations for the award should be submitted no later than July 1.

Nominations should include a brief description of the accomplishments of the nominee and the names of the proposers.

Winners of the award are required to attend the awards ceremony in November and personally accept the award at the annual banquet.

Inquiries concerning the award should be directed to the National College of Probate Judges, P.O. Box 8798, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8798 (757) 259-1841



The Treat Award for Excellence

Judge William W. Treat, president emeritus of NCPJ, presents the Fifth Annual Treat Award to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (1983).

Previous recipients of the Award have been J. Pennington Straus (1979), Judge Harold R. Clark (1980), Professor Edward Halbach (1981), William P. Caniwell (1982), Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (1983), William Schwartz (1984), Edward B. Winn (1985), Kenneth Pat Gregory (1986), James Casner (1987), Alexander D. Forger (1988), Alfred L. Podolski and Glenn E. Knierim (1989), Melvin J. Peterson (1990), Judge George C. Berry (1991), John J. Lombard, Jr. (1992), Professor Richard V. Wellman (1993), James R. Wade (1994), Judge Floyd Propst (1995), Professor Eugene F. Scoles (1996), Professor Stanley M. Johanson (1997), Judge Joseph S. Matina (1998) and Judge Marion Guess (1999).

